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HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES IN THE OLD NORTHWEST

Historical work has become so stabilized in the states of the old northwest that there is little to chronicle in the way of new developments in the organizations that direct historical activities. In general, the war had a tendency to shelve all schemes for more aggressive archival work, particularly in the matter of improved housing facilities. The Illinois centennial memorial building at Springfield has been delayed by the war but as excavation is now well advanced, work should go forward expeditiously. Historical workers in the state are strongly urging that the building be converted into a permanent repository for state archives; it will then also furnish quarters for the Illinois state historical society and the Illinois state historical library.

The sixth annual report of the Michigan historical commission for 1918 may be found in the *Michigan history magazine* for January, 1919. In the upper peninsula of Michigan new societies have been formed in Menominee, Mackinac, and Iron counties; all these organizations have been urged to gather the perishable records of local war activities, especially data about their local president called to the colors. The record of a busy year of routine work by the State historical society of Wisconsin may be found in the *Proceedings* of the society at its sixty-sixth annual meeting, held October 24, 1918 (Madison, 1919. 54 p.). The society has secured an appropriation of \$2,220 more per year than heretofore; the annual appropriation beginning July 1, 1919, will be \$63,200. The Beloit historical society has taken advantage of the Wisconsin statute on the subject to incorporate formally and to enroll as an auxiliary of the state historical society; formal organization with one hundred fifty members was completed at a meeting on December 18, 1918. The State historical society of Wisconsin has recently undertaken an aggressive membership drive and has added eighty members in a period of three months.

The *Annual report* of the Chicago historical society for the

year ending October 31, 1918 (Chicago, 1919. 147 p.), records the various phases of the work of that society. The work of the Illinois state historical society is chronicled in its annual *Transactions*. During the Illinois centennial year this society has been occupied largely with the official observance of the centennial, the president of the society and the secretary occupying the same relative positions in the Illinois centennial commission.

The proceedings of the thirty-third annual meeting of the Ohio archaeological and historical society at Columbus, September 25, 1919, may be found in the October number of the *Quarterly* published by the society. The meeting was devoted to the reports of the officers and committees of the society and of the Ohio historical commission.

It has been the custom of the Indiana historical society not to print its minutes with the papers read before the society's meetings. None of the minutes had been published since the reorganization of the society in 1886 until the publication of the "Minutes of the society, 1886-1918" as number four of volume six of the Indiana historical society *Publications*.

The Historical society of Western Pennsylvania has taken advantage of the growing interest in history stimulated by the war to plan for more aggressive work. During the early half of 1918 the first floor and basement of the society's building were occupied by a chapter of women Red Cross workers and during the last half by military students of the University of Pittsburgh. Meantime, the society has been collecting historical data and relics relating to the great war. With the return of normal conditions the society has again called attention to its crowded quarters and is now asking the Pennsylvania legislature for an appropriation to build an addition. The society is coöperating with the history department of Pittsburgh and with local literary and historical clubs interested in the study of history. A sketch of the Historical society of Western Pennsylvania, its history, objects, and achievements, by Burd S. Patterson may be found in the January, 1919, number of the new *Magazine* published by the society.

War conditions have created a new need to which all aggressive historical agencies throughout the country have had to divert some attention.

WAR HISTORY ORGANIZATION

The machinery for the collection of material pertaining to the war has naturally enough been installed as an adjunct of the existing historical agencies. Last year's survey noted the launching of the Wisconsin war history committee and the Ohio historical commission.

The state historical library in Madison has become the headquarters of the war history committee for Wisconsin and from there the work is being directed. A special fund has been provided by the state historical society to care for the war collection and Mr. Asa C. Tilton, a trained bibliographer and historian has been secured to serve as curator. The special drive for war history materials has been conducted in close coördination with the ordinary work of the historical library and of the library and other departments of the University of Wisconsin. This arrangement has required the coöperation of the county councils of defense, the public libraries, the local historical societies, and the schools. Four bulletins have been issued by the Wisconsin war history committee as follows: "Collect material for Wisconsin's war history now" (revised edition, November, 1918); "Directions for organizing war history committees and collecting material" (November, 1918); "Some further suggestions concerning the collection of county war history materials" (November, 1918); and "Concerning war memorials" (February, 1919). The governor of Wisconsin had planned to send a commission composed of two men, an army officer and the superintendent, Mr. Quaife, to France for the collection of historical data; the plan, however, seems to have been withdrawn. As the work of the state war history committee is now drawing to a logical close, plans are being made to supersede it with a permanent organization. A bill is before the Wisconsin legislature, with every prospect of passage, which provides for a war history commission to which \$10,000 annually is to be appropriated for the purpose of compiling an official state history of Wisconsin's part in the world war. The commission is to consist of the superintendent of the state historical society, the adjutant general, the governor *ex officio*, and three citizens appointed by the governor. It is contemplated in a general way that the work will continue four or five years.

The historical commission of Ohio continues its aggressive work, initiated over a year ago, of collecting the Ohio war materials. Many county branches of the commission have been organized. A coöperative arrangement with the Ohio state archaeological and historical society has placed the library building of the society at the disposal of the commission for the deposit of its collections. The first report of Mr. Schlesinger, chairman of the commission, may be found in the October, 1918, issue of the *Ohio archaeological and historical quarterly*.

In Michigan the task of getting together the material concerning that state's part in the war has been undertaken directly by the Michigan historical commission, which has as yet been unable to put special energy into this work.

The state of Illinois is endeavoring to recover from the disadvantage of the late start which it made in organizing for the collection and preservation of materials relating to the great war. Work was begun in the fall of 1918 through a war history committee of the Illinois council of defense. C. W. Alvord of the Illinois state historical library and of the University of Illinois was called into conference and it was finally decided to make an appeal for the collection and preservation of the materials of war history. The Illinois state historical library at Springfield undertook to coöperate with the war history committee and to act as the central depository of war records and other historical material not having any specified or safe place of preservation. Since that time a more adequate plan has been formulated.

There has been added to the usual Illinois state historical library bill a request for an additional appropriation of \$10,000 a year for the preservation of war records. If the bills go through it is planned to have two field agents visit all the counties of Illinois to stir up interest in the preservation of war records and to organize the counties for that purpose. No doubt new records will be created since the record of the soldiers' services is not complete; the work will in general follow the same lines as similar undertakings in other states.

In Indiana the systematic collection of war records was begun at a rather late moment but was soon well under way with an aggressive campaign under the auspices of the state historical

commission. Mr. Harlow Lindley, secretary of the commission, is in general charge, but Mr. John W. Oliver, formerly engaged in the same work in Wisconsin, has been made director of the Indiana war history records. The commission has issued two war history bulletins, one dated January, 1919, dealing with *Suggestions for collecting and preserving material for Indiana's war history*, and the other dated March, 1919, entitled *Indiana war records, county war history prospectus*, outlining a plan for the systematic organization of the records of each county.

The coöperative work of the various historical agencies of the northwestern states has resulted in the virtual development of an annual conference of the directors of these agencies. At the 1918 meeting held at Chicago in December, it was agreed that the work of exploring the archives at Washington should be continued; plans were also discussed for coöperating with the historical branch of the general staff of the United States army in the collection and preservation of material relating to the great war.

ACQUISITION OF SOURCE MATERIAL

The Wisconsin state historical society has made some important additions to its collections during the past year. Especially valuable are four considerable collections of material for the period prior to the civil war. One is a collection of the papers of Nelson Dewey, first governor of Wisconsin, a bulky collection, largely of routine interest and character. Another item is a collection of the papers of the Reverend Mathew Dinsdale, including three valuable diaries describing his voyage from England to America in 1844, his journey to California as a "forty-niner," and his services as agent of the Christian commission in the civil war; his experience as a young immigrant, as a circuit-riding pioneer preacher, and as a versatile American citizen are described in a series of interesting letters. Another important acquisition is that of a valuable collection of about one thousand letters and documents received by Azel Ladd while serving as state superintendent of public instruction, 1852-1854. The fourth is a collection of papers of John H. Tweedy consisting largely of correspondence received by him when acting as territorial delegate of Wisconsin and at other times during the ante bellum period.

For the later period the society has acquired the civil war diary, in four manuscript volumes, of Lieutenant A. V. Knapp of the tenth Wisconsin infantry; twenty-five civil war letters of De Havre Norton; two hundred civil war letters of E. O. and William A. Kimberly; the Colonel Michael H. Fitch civil war papers; a very large and valuable collection of the papers of George B. Smith of Madison, statesman, politician, legist, and lecturer; an important collection of material in the field of Congregational church history collected by the historical committee of the Congregational church in Wisconsin; and the papers of the late United States Senator Paul Hastings which for obvious reasons are not made available to the public for the present. A mass of material, partly manuscript and partly newspaper and pamphlet, has been located, and the privilege of copying secured, which will necessitate the rewriting of the history of Mormonism in Wisconsin. A considerable number of valuable newspaper files from both within and without the state have been added to the Madison collection.

Through an arrangement with the Michigan historical commission the Wisconsin historical society is copying by photostatic process a letter book volume of the American fur company at Mackinac covering the years 1823-1830. Copies are also being made for the Michigan historical commission, the Library of congress, the Illinois historical survey, the Chicago historical society, and the Minnesota historical society.

The Illinois historical survey of the University of Illinois has acquired transcripts of a group of documents which relate to the history of the mission maintained by the Seminary of Quebec among the Tamaroa Indians of Illinois including a narrative account written by the Abbé Taschereau. The originals of these little-known manuscripts are in the library of Laval university and the transcripts have been made under the direction of the Abbé Nadeau. The survey has also added a number of items to its collection of books on the German element in the west, a collection begun some years ago. Of the other purchases of material made within the year the following are noteworthy: a series of nineteen long autograph letters by Daniel Elston, a land speculator who came to Illinois in the thirties; *Laws for the government of the district of Louisiana passed by the Indiana*

territorial legislature (1804); the *Boston Chronicle*, volume 1, 1768; and nine volumes of the *Berks and Schuylkill Journal*, scattered over the period from 1825 to 1844. The Chicago historical society lists its acquisitions in its *Annual report* (pp. 125-140); these include two original La Salle and Tonti manuscripts; a manuscript study of "The polyglot Lutheran church at Chicago and in Cook county, Illinois," by Franz L. Braun, formerly missionary pastor of the French Vaudois Lutherans; twenty-four civil war letters of Daniel B. Holmes; the files of the *Liberty tree*, a monthly publication devoted to the anti-slavery cause, edited and published by Z. Eastman, Chicago, 1843-1845; and volume 1 of the *Chicago magazine, the west as it is*, edited by Z. Eastman in 1857. Another important acquisition is a portion of a collection of autograph letters dating back to the American revolution gathered by the late Henry C. Van Schaack; the society has also acquired five account books, 1831-1847, of the sutlers of Fort Dearborn. The Illinois state historical library continues each year to make substantial additions to its well-known Lincoln collection.

Developments in the past year have interfered with the collecting activities of the Indiana historical survey. The public speeches of Indiana senators are being gathered, including a large number by Senators McDonald, Hendricks, Turpie, Morton, and Henry S. Lane, but considerable work still remains to make the collection complete. Newspaper acquisitions include the *Jasper Courier*, 1858 to date, and the *Goshen Democrat*, 1838 to date. The survey is making a collection of books used as texts in the Indiana schools during the past century; nearly three thousand volumes have already been secured.

The Western Reserve historical society has recently added to its collections the private papers and correspondence of Senator Theodore E. Burton.

The new accessions to the Michigan state collection of material are in large part the result of encouraging collectors and writers of history in the cities and counties of the state to bring together valuable papers, documents, and museum objects. The Michigan historical commission has received by gift several valuable collections of manuscript material covering the earlier period of the state's history, among them an interesting group

of letters of ex-Governor J. W. Begole relating to the great fire which swept "the thumb" in 1881.

PUBLICATION OF SOURCE MATERIAL

The historical society of Wisconsin continues its aggressive publication work. Within the year volume 25 of the *Collections*, entitled *An English settler in pioneer Wisconsin*, edited with an introduction and notes by M. M. Quaife (Madison, 1918. 250 p.),¹ has been brought out; it constitutes a valuable contribution to source literature. Volume 26 of the *Collections*, which is the first volume of the Constitutional series, has recently made its appearance under the title *The movement for statehood, 1845-1846*, edited by M. M. Quaife (Madison, 1919).² The society continues to work along the lines of the comprehensive plans it has formulated for the continuation of this important work. Shorter source items appear in nearly every number of the *Wisconsin magazine of history*. Within the year autobiographical materials have been presented by Mrs. Lathrop E. Smith in "My recollections of civil war days," and by the Reverend P. Pernin on the forest fires of 1871. A picture of the first United States army is presented through the journal of Captain Samuel Newman, who took part in General St. Clair's disastrous western expedition of 1791. A letter written by Major De Lafayette Wilcox in 1835 describing Chicago's first boom appears in the December, 1918, issue. Part of the German poem of 1847, "*Was ist des Deutschen Vaterland?*" is reprinted in the June, 1918, issue, as well as some letters of Paul O. Hustings concerning the late international crisis. The magazine also reprints from the local papers some of the more striking epistolary accounts of the work of "Badgers in the great adventure" on the battlefields of Europe.

John C. Dean has edited for the Indiana historical society an attractive number containing the journal of his grandfather, Thomas Dean of Deansboro, New York, giving "An account of a journey to Indiana in 1817" (Indiana historical society, *Publications*, vol. 6, no. 2. Indianapolis, 1918). The Indiana state legislature of 1917 provided for the issue of a yearbook similar

¹ Reviewed *ante*, 5: 493.

² To be reviewed later.

to those published by other states; the first number has appeared as the *Yearbook of the state of Indiana for the year of 1917*, compiled and published under the direction of James P. Goodrich, governor (Indianapolis, 1918. 883 p.).

The Illinois state historical library will soon issue a volume reprinting the three constitutions of the state. With this volume aggressive work in the publication of source material interrupted by the Illinois centennial and by the war will be resumed along the lines indicated in last year's article. Two volumes reprinting the journal of the constitutional conventions of 1847 and of 1862 and another made up of the papers of Governor Edward Coles are being prepared for press. Arrangements are being made for the publication of a history of the thirty-third ("Prairie") division of the American expeditionary forces which will consist of the records of its activities and an introduction by Colonel Frederic L. Huidekoper; it will probably be the first volume of a new series of *War records collections* of the library. *Pictures of Illinois one hundred years ago*, edited by M. M. Quaife (Chicago, 1918. 186 p.),³ was last year's volume of the Lakeside classic series, annually distributed by way of Christmas greeting by the publishers, R. R. Donnelley and sons company. The *Illinois Catholic historical review* for January, 1919, publishes a letter of Bishop William Quarter, dated Chicago, November 27, 1846, which was his sixth and last letter to the Leopoldine association in Vienna. A number of letters of importance for Illinois history have been published in the recent numbers of the *Journal of the Illinois state historical society*. The June, 1918, *Records of the American Catholic historical society* continues the diary of Bishop Flaget, edited by Francis P. Siegfried; during the period covered in this issue the bishop was at Bardstown, Kentucky. Numbers 214 and 215 of the *Old south leaflets* contain extracts from the writings of Lincoln under the titles: "Abraham Lincoln on war and peace, 1860-1864" and "Letters and miscellaneous writings of Abraham Lincoln, 1850-1864," both edited by Lawrence V. Roth.

Volume III of the *Marietta college historical collections* has appeared within the year under the editorship of Archer B. Hulbert; it is entitled *Ohio in the time of the confederation*

³ To be reviewed later.

(Marietta historical commission, 1918. 220 p.).⁴ Mr. Hulbert as chairman of the Marietta historical commission is formulating plans for continuing the series which was interrupted by war-time exigencies. The *Quarterly publication of the historical and philosophical society of Ohio* has continued the publication of part of the Follett papers with important letters from Salmon P. Chase, Joseph Medill, Thomas Ewing, and other mid-west leaders. The *Quarterly* has also brought out a miscellaneous collection of military papers from 1787 to 1812 from the Torrence papers. An "Address at Marietta, Ohio, 1858, by Thomas Ewing," edited by C. L. Martzoff, may be found in the *Ohio archaeological and historical quarterly* for April, 1919; the same issue publishes reminiscences of "Temperance and church-building in pioneer days on the Western Reserve," by Justus Newton Brown.

The only important published source material for Michigan which has appeared within a twelvemonth is the continuance of the *Manuscripts from the Burton historical collection* through numbers 7 and 8.

The *Journal of negro history* for January, 1919, presents a group of documents on the northern immigration of the negroes in 1879.

MEETINGS AND PUBLISHED TRANSACTIONS

The *Proceedings* of the Mississippi valley historical association for 1916-1917 were issued as an extra number of the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW for October, 1918. The papers relating to the history of the old northwest are "The value of the memoir of George Rogers Clark as an historical document," by James A. James; "The coming of the circuit rider across the mountains," by W. W. Sweet; "Fur-trading companies of the northwest, 1760-1816," by Wayne E. Stevens; "Pageantry possibilities," by Bernard Sobel; and "Possibilities in state historical celebrations," by Harlow Lindley. The *Proceedings* of the association for 1917-1918 will appear in the extra number for the current year.

The regular 1919 spring meeting of the association was held at St. Louis May 8-10. Papers on the history of the old north-

⁴ Reviewed *ante*, 5: 490.

west were read as follows: "Following the westward star," by Chancellor Jenks; "Steamboating on the upper Mississippi after the civil war," by Lester B. Shippee; "Traffic and transportation on the Ohio and the Mississippi before the steamboat," by Wallace W. Carson; "The Jesuit in the Mississippi valley," by Laurence Kenny; and the presidential address, "Western travel, 1800-1820," by Harlow Lindley.

The Ohio valley historical association and the American historical association were compelled by the influenza epidemic to cancel the arrangements that had been worked out for their annual meetings.

The *Transactions* of the Illinois state historical society for 1917 (Springfield, 1917. 184 p.) presents the following papers: "Contemporary vandalism," a study of the forces that influenced Lincoln, by Jenkin Lloyd Jones; "The movement of the population of Illinois," by Ernest L. Bogart; "Illinois and the underground railroad to Canada," by Verna Cooley; "A celebrated Illinois case that made history," *in re* Debs, by Stephen A. Day; "Thomas Beard, the pioneer and founder of Beardstown, Illinois," by P. C. Croll; and "Lincoln and the presidential election of 1864," by Arthur C. Cole.

At the May, 1919, meeting of the Illinois state historical society the following papers were offered: "A memorial of the life and services of Clark E. Carr, late honorary president of the society," by George A. Lawrence; "A sketch of the history of woman's work in the Illinois state council of defense," by Mrs. Joseph T. Bowen; "The life and services of Joseph Duncan, governor of Illinois, 1834-1838," by Elizabeth Putnam; "Some phases of agricultural development of Illinois since the civil war," by Eugene Davenport; "William Murray, trader and land speculator in Illinois," by Anna E. Marks; and "The Scots and their descendants in Illinois," by Thomas C. MacMillan.

The third upper peninsula meeting of the Michigan pioneer and historical society was held jointly with the Marquette county historical society at Marquette, August 21-23, 1918. The following papers were read: "Hon. Peter White," by James Russell; "Hon. Dan H. Ball," by George W. Bates; "Munising in history," by Thomas B. Wyman; "Pioneer days in Munis-

ing," by Mrs. Ella Cox Whitmore; "A critical review of Longfellow's Hiawatha," by William F. Gagnieur; "Some remarks upon the history of the northwest, the upper peninsula, and Marquette county," by John W. Stone; "History of Marquette ore docks," by D. H. Merritt; "The stars and stripes in the Ojibway country," by Charles J. Johnson; "The political history of Marquette county," by E. C. Anthony; and "The iron industry," by J. E. Jopling. Addresses were given on the contemporary international crisis and pioneer reminiscences were indulged in by a group of early settlers. Many of the papers were printed in the *Mining journal* and the *Chronicle* of Marquette.

The midwinter meeting of the Michigan pioneer and historical society was held at Hastings, Barry county, January 22 and 23, 1919, jointly with the Barry county pioneer and historical society and the Thornapple valley pioneer association. The following papers were read: "Historical work after the war," by Augustus C. Carton; "The meaning of the pioneer spirit for the present day," by John R. Gregory; "The founding of the Dutch colony in western Michigan, 1847-1848," by Henry D. Lucas; "Barry county's contribution to the war for democracy," by Philip T. Colgrove; "The needs of our museum," by Mrs. M. B. Ferrey; "War history work in a neighboring county," by Sue I. Silliman; "Early days in Hastings," by Marshall L. Cook; and "High points in the history of Barry county," by C. L. Glasgow. Some of these papers will appear in later numbers of the *Michigan history magazine*.

The State historical society of Wisconsin has just published the *Proceedings* of the society at its sixty-sixth annual meeting, held October 24, 1918 (Madison, 1919. 54 p.). The *Proceedings* became in 1917 a formal report of the society's activities no longer including the papers read at the meetings of the society. A joint meeting of the Wisconsin academy of science, arts, and letters with the Wisconsin archeological society was held in the assembly room of the state historical society, April 11 and 12, 1918. Of the two dozen or more papers read, the following were devoted particularly to Wisconsin history: "Additional Wisconsin peace medals," by Charles E. Brown; "The state collection of war posters," by Ruth O. Roberts; "The work of the

Wisconsin war history commission," by John W. Oliver. The other papers were devoted chiefly to archeological and scientific subjects.

On September 2, 1918, an historical pilgrimage to the site of Fort Winnebago was conducted under the joint auspices of the state historical society, the archeological society, and the Sauk county historical society. Aside from the tour over the fort site and to other places of interest in the vicinity, the principal event of the day was the address of the Reverend William Dawson on "The historical significance of the portage."

An attractively-printed program of the Sauk county historical society records a noteworthy list of activities for 1917-1918, the organization's thirteenth year. The annual meeting occurred October 5, 1917, the principal address being given by M. M. Quaife on "The angel of Wisconsin." On March 1, 1918, a second meeting was held at which papers or addresses were given on the following subjects: "The coming of the circuit rider in Wisconsin," by W. R. Irish; "The first murder trial in Baraboo," by R. T. Warner; "The first permanent settler at Baraboo," by Louise P. Kellogg; "Pioneer occupations," by N. G. Abbott, of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The program for the meeting appointed for April 5 consisted of the following papers: "When I 'broke into' Sauk county politics," by John M. True; "Wisconsin map by I. A. Lapham," by H. E. French; "Additional reminiscences of Abelman — a sequel," by Eva Alexander; and "Indians at Baraboo in pioneer times," by M. H. Mould.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Waukesha county historical society was held May 4, 1918. The program was given over to papers on the civil war: "The work of Waukesha county women during the civil war," by Mrs. W. H. Tichenor; and recollections of "Civil war times in Summit," by Mrs. Louise Williams. At the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Waukesha county society, held at Pewaukee September 7, 1918, the two principal papers on the program were: "Boyhood memories of the civil war period," by H. M. Youmans and "Early days in Pewaukee," by Mrs. Ola Anderson. The Green Bay historical society and the Manitowoc county historical society continue active work with scheduled meetings, the most important of which usually

fall in the month of March. On March 26, 1918, the former society listened to a program including papers on "Roads of Wisconsin and how they may be made more interesting," by W. M. Conway; "Shantytown in 1820," by Mrs. W. D. Cooke; and "The site of the first church built in Shantytown by Father Mazzuchelli," by J. P. Shumacher. The Manitowoc society was addressed on March 8, 1918, by Dr. A. Gerend on "The Indians of Manitowoc county." At the twenty-fourth meeting in Pewaukee, September 7, 1918, the program included: "Boyhood memories of the civil war period," by H. M. Youmans and "Early days in Pewaukee," by Mrs. Ola Anderson.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE

All the new ventures in the field of historical periodical publication launched within the last two years seem to have survived the uncertainties of tempestuous war times. Equally important is the fact that they have on the whole been able to maintain the high standards which they set for themselves in the initial numbers.

The *Wisconsin magazine of history* has issued four numbers within the year. Besides a mass of special articles, historical fragments, and notes too numerous to be detailed, a number of formal papers have been printed in the magazine; these include: "Colonel Elmer E. Ellsworth: first hero of the civil war," by Charles A. Ingraham; "The Paul Revere print of the Boston massacre," and "The Bennett law in Wisconsin," by Louise P. Kellogg; "My recollections of civil war days," by Mrs. Lathrop E. Smith; "Alfred Brunson, pioneer of Wisconsin Methodism," by Ella C. Brunson; "The finger of God is there," an autobiographical account of the great forest fire of October, 1871, by P. Pernin; "The story of Wisconsin, 1634-1848," by Louise P. Kellogg; "Moses Ordway, pioneer Presbyterian missionary," by Thomas S. Johnson; and "The early history of Lafayette county," by P. H. Conley. The *Wisconsin archeologist* has brought out a few papers of interest to the local historian, including one on "Marinette county," by George R. Fox and H. O. Younger.

The *Michigan history magazine* continues along the lines mapped out in the first volume. In the quarterly issues since

July, 1918, the following articles have appeared: "What can a historical society do now?" by Augustus C. Carton; "France in the great war," by R. Clyde Ford; "The history of Memory Day," by John T. Daniells; "Father Jones and the Jesuit archives," by Fred Landon; "Harry Coleman," by H. H. Fitzgerald; "Indian place names in the upper peninsula and their interpretation," by William Gagnieur; "History of schools in Portage township, in the copper country," by Florence E. Paton; "Party organization in Michigan," by William H. Hathaway; "The University of Michigan in the war," by Robert M. Wenley; "Why the United States is at war," by Mahlon H. Buell; "Why the United States is at war," by Etta Kinch; "King Alcohol; his rise, reign and fall in Michigan," by John Fitzgibbon; "Claude Jean Allouez, S. J. (1616-1689)," by John A. Lemmer; "Work of the war preparedness board," by Roy C. Vanderhook; "Democracy's educational problem," by Claude H. Van Tyne; "America and the great war," by Bernice Anna Perry; "America and the great war," by E. W. Tiegs; "Our soldiers past and present," by Earl Brown; "The story of Grosse Ile," by John R. Command; "Mrs. Nellie G. Ferris," by Woodbridge N. Ferris; "A sketch of the life of Captain Wesley C. Brown," by Crockett McElroy; "The Council pine," by Charles E. Belknap; "Legislation by governor and judges," by William L. Jenks; "Borgess hospital at Kalamazoo," by Frank A. O'Brien; "The Central Michigan normal school at Mt. Pleasant," by Claude S. Larzelere; "Dan H. Ball: the pioneer lawyer of Marquette, the Nestor of the Michigan bar, a review of his life," by George W. Bates; "America and the great war," by Edwin J. Draper; and "America and the great war," by Dorothea McBride.

Four numbers of the *Journal of the Illinois state historical society* have appeared during the past year carrying it down to April, 1918. The following papers are included: "A celebrated Illinois case that made history," by Stephen A. Day; "Thomas Beard, the pioneer and founder of Beardstown, Illinois," by P. C. Croll; "Thomas Lippincott, a pioneer of 1818 and his diary," by Charles H. Rammelkamp; "The great Cahokia mound," by John F. Snyder; "Colonel Isaac White," by William R. Sandham; "The Illinois centennial celebration," by Jessie Palmer

Weber; "De Linetot, guardian of the frontier," by George A. Brennan; "Historical notes on Lawrence county, Illinois," by Mary Tracy White; "Early history of Pleasant Hill, McLean county, Illinois," by D. C. Trimmer; "Reminiscences of Lake Forest academy," by George Manierre; "The Oregon trail," by Jonathan T. Dorris; "A momentous incident in the history of Illinois," by Jane Martin Johns; "The treaty of Greenville, 1795," by Charles A. Kent; "Pioneer days — a sketch of Major Richard Rue Cox," by Charles E. Cox; "History of Harmon township, Lee county, Illinois," by John L. Porter; "Samuel McAnulty, a pioneer of Adams county," by W. O. Farlow; "Illinois in the democratic movement of the century," by Allen Johnson; "Historical sketch of Wabash county, Illinois," by B. A. Harvey; "The Illinois centennial," by Edward F. Dunne; "An old Mormon town, Nauvoo, Illinois," by Nancy D. Clark; "The old Chicago trail," by A. Van Dyke Pierson; and "Kannekuk or Kuanakuk, the Kickapoo prophet," by Milo Custer.

The *Illinois Catholic historical review* has completed the four numbers of its initial volume, continuing the excellent plan laid down in the first issue. The following papers have been published during the year: "Illinois centennial celebration," by Frederick L. Happel; "Catholic women of Illinois," by Margaret Madden; "Catholic heroes of Illinois," by James M. Graham; "The Lazarists of Illinois," by Charles L. Souvay; "The church in Illinois in the transition period," by Joseph J. Thompson; "Father De La Valiniere, 'rebel' and Illinois missionary," by J. B. Culemans; "The first convent in Chicago," by Helen Troesch; "The commons of Kaskaskia, Cahokia, and Prairie du Rocher," by Frederick Beuckman; "Old Kaskaskia ways and days," by Stuart Brown; "The development of the church," by J. J. Thompson; "The beginnings of Holy Family parish, Chicago," by Gilbert J. Garraghan; "The old church at Cahokia," by Robert Hynes; "William J. Onahan," by John Cavanaugh; "Illinois' first citizen — Pierre Gibault," by J. J. Thompson; "The first American men in this country," by Laurence J. Kenny; and "Archbishop Eccleston and the Visitandines at Kaskaskia," by John Rothensteiner. The leading article in the *Catholic historical review* for July, 1918, is by J. B. Culemans on "Catholic explorers and pioneers of Illinois."

The rich Catholic historical resources of the middle west have tempted a new historical quarterly to enter the field. The *St. Louis Catholic historical review* made its appearance in October, 1918, under the auspices of the Catholic historical society of St. Louis and under the editorship of Charles L. Souvay. The new review has published the following papers: "The Catholic historical society of St. Louis, the result of a century's endeavor," by John Rothensteiner; "The historical archives of the archdiocese of St. Louis," by F. G. Holweck; "The centenary of the foundation of St. Louis diocesan seminary," by Martin J. O'Malley.

The *Indiana magazine of history* continues to maintain its high standard in the series of articles published the last year, a standard which no other state historical publication in the old northwest has been able to excel. Noteworthy articles are: "Some reminiscences of James Whitcomb Riley," by George S. Cottman; "A historical sketch of Tell City," by Will Maurer; "Diary of the Mexican war," by Thomas Bailey; "Lincoln in Indiana" (concluded), by J. Edward Murr; "Secret political societies in the north during the civil war," by Mayo Fesler; "General Joseph Bartholemew," by George Pence; "Warrick county prior to 1818," by Arvil S. Barr; "The populist party in Indiana," by Ernest D. Stewart; "Edward A. Hannegan," by John Wesley Whicker; "Forerunners of Indiana art," by George S. Cottman; "The old Chicago trail and the old Chicago road," by Elmore Barce; and "Militia of the United States from 1846 to 1860," by Paul T. Smith.

The *Ohio archaeological and historical quarterly* devotes its [April and] July, 1918, numbers to a monograph on "The Indian in Ohio," by H. C. Shetrone. The October number presents the proceedings of the thirty-third annual meeting of the society at Columbus, September 25, 1918. The January and April, 1919, numbers contain the following papers: "Joshua Reed Giddings," by Byron E. Long; "The tory proprietors of Kentucky lands," by Wilbur H. Siebert; "Charles Dickens in Ohio in 1842," by Henson L. Peeke; "Ohio's German-language press and the war," by Carl Wittke; "The state library and its founder," by Daniel J. Ryan; "Samuel Portland Chase," by Arthur Meier Schlesinger; "The Ulrich group of mounds," by Truman B.

Mills; "Some notes on Ohio historiography," by Clarence E. Carter; "Address at Marietta, Ohio, 1858, by Thomas Ewing"; "Ohio's religious organizations and the war," by Martha L. Edwards; and a series of items on "Ohio battle flags." The *Catholic historical review* for January has an article on "The Gallipolis colony (1790)," by Laurence J. Kenny; "A history of the University of Buffalo," by Julian Park; "Roswell Park, a memoir," by Charles G. Stockton; "The woman's educational and industrial union of Buffalo," by Mrs. Frederick J. Shepard; "Historical sketch of Niagara ship canal projects," by Henry W. Hill; "Evolution of the New York canal system," by George Clinton; and "Our Tuscarora neighbors," by Frank H. Severance, are some of the contributions to volume xxii of the Buffalo historical society *Publications*. "The role of Niagara Falls in history," is discussed by C. O. Sauer in the February, 1919, issue of the *Historical outlook*.

The *Western Pennsylvania historical magazine* has continued its issues with papers as follows: "Economy — a unique community," by Mrs. Agnes M. Hays Gromly; "Fragments of University of Pittsburg alumni history," by George M. P. Baird; "A history of Allegheny," by Charles W. Dahlinger; "Frontier policy of Pennsylvania," by George A. Cribbs; and "Pennsylvania canals," by James Macfarlane.

A number of articles pertaining to the old northwest have appeared in the general historical periodicals and in the publications that hail from outside this region. In the MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW the following papers have appeared: "The literary spirit among the early Ohio valley settlers," by Logan Esarey; "The first railroad between the Mississippi and Lake Superior," by Lester B. Shippee; "The passing of the frontier," by Arthur C. Cole; and "Commercial intercourse with the confederacy in the Mississippi valley," by E. Merton Coulter.

The *American economic review* for March, 1919, contains an article on "Tenancy in an ideal system of landownership," by Richard T. Ely and Charles J. Galpin, which draws in the main on problems which find their more typical expressions in the middle west. In the July, 1918, *Missouri historical review* is an account by R. S. Cotterill of the national railroad convention in St. Louis in 1849. Part ix, *Transactions of the London and Mid-*

dlex historical society of London, Ontario, contains an interesting account of the Wilberforce refugee colony in Middlesex county, composed almost entirely of colored refugees who crossed the Ohio and Indiana borders before the civil war. The article is by Fred Landon, public librarian of London. The *Journal of negro history* for January, 1919, prints another article by Mr. Landon in the same field entitled, "The antislavery society of Canada." An article on "President Lincoln and his war-time critics," by Arthur C. Cole, may be found in the *History teacher's magazine* for May, 1918.

MONOGRAPHS AND GENERAL TREATISES

The grim demands of a world war had their effect in the main upon the publication of historical monographs of a serious character and upon the plans of those who aspired to qualify for the degree of doctor of philosophy in the field of American history. As a result few new ventures are to be announced for the current year.

Several general works should be listed as containing material of value for various phases of the history of the middle west. At least three volumes of the *Chronicles of America* series, edited by Allen Johnson, have subject matter of peculiar interest to students of the old northwest; these are *The old northwest*, by Frederic A. Ogg (New Haven, 1919. 220 p.); *Crusaders of New France*, by W. B. Munro (New Haven, 1918. 246 p.); and *The conquest of New France*, by George M. Wrong (New Haven, 1918. 246 p.).⁵ A work entitled *Histoire de la fondation de la Nouvelle Orleans, 1717-1722*, by the Baron Mare de Villiers (Paris, 1918. xvi, 130 p.), throws some light on the trade of the Illinois country. *Our debt to the red men*, by Louise Seymour Houghton (Boston, 1918. 210 p.), is an estimate of Indian character based chiefly on the tribes to the east of the Mississippi. *The American Indian*, an introduction to the anthropology of the new world, by Clark Wissler (New York, 1917. 434 p.)⁶ parallels part of this ground. *The valley of democracy*, by Meredith Nicholson (New York, 1918. 284 p.), is made up of a series of

⁵ These three volumes are to be reviewed later.

⁶ Reviewed *ante*, 5: 352.

articles attempting to deal in a critical way with the life of the people of the Mississippi valley. *A century of negro migration*, by Carter G. Woodson (Washington, 1918. 221 p.),⁷ covers the exodus of negroes from the south into the states of the central west. The report of the United States department of labor on *Negro migration in 1916-17* (Washington, 1919. 158 p.) includes a report on "The negro emigrant in the north," by Francis D. Tyson. A careful and valuable study of *The movement for peace without a victory during the civil war* has been made by Elbert J. Benton and published as publication number 99 of the *Collections of the Western Reserve historical society* (Cleveland, 1919. 80 p.); it deals largely with conditions in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Another work entitled "Secret political societies in the north during the civil war," by Mayo Fesler (*Indiana magazine of history*, September, 1918, 183-286 pp.), analyzes a problem in the same field and covering the same states. The Polish contribution to western American history is studied in *Historja Polika w Ameryce*, by Wencelaus Kruska (13 vols. Milwaukee, 1918). A study of the development and results of state control over the assessment of property for taxation entitled *State tax commission*, by Harley L. Lutz (Cambridge, 1918. 673 p.),⁸ gives a chapter to each of the four states in the old northwest which have such commissions: Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ohio. Two studies dealing with regions bordering on the old northwest cover ground of equal interest to the states under survey. These are a study of *George Caleb Bingham, the Missouri artist*, by Fern H. Rusk (Jefferson City, Mo., 1917. 135 p.),⁹ and a *History of economic legislation in Iowa*, by Ivan L. Pollock (Iowa City, 1918. 386 p.),¹⁰ which the author has regarded as a review of "the economic legislation of a typical State of the Middle West."

The last year has witnessed the appearance of two volumes of the *Centennial history of Illinois* with the other three still in press. Volume II is *The frontier state, 1818-1848*, by Theodore C. Pease (Springfield, 1918. 475 p.), and volume III is *The era of the civil war, 1848-1870*, by Arthur C. Cole (Springfield, 1919.

⁷ To be reviewed later.

⁸ Reviewed *ante*, 5:217.

⁹ Reviewed *ante*, 5: 225.

¹⁰ Reviewed *ante*, 5: 494.

499 p.).¹¹ Several new items of Lincolniana have made their appearance, though most of them do not present any remarkable contribution: *Lincoln, the politician*, by T. Aaron Levy (Boston, 1918. 236 p.)¹²; *The voice of Lincoln*, by R. M. Wanamaker (New York, 1918. 363 p.)¹³; *Lincoln in Illinois*, by Octavia Roberts (Boston, 1918. 119 p.)¹⁴; *Latest light on Abraham Lincoln and wartime memories*, by Erwin Chapman (New York, 1918. 570 p.)¹⁵; *Abraham Lincoln as a man of letters*, by Luther E. Robinson (Chicago, 1918. 342 p.)¹⁶; and *The book of Lincoln*, compiled by Mary Wright Davis (New York, 1919. 399 p.)¹⁷. Particularly valuable as a southerner's interpretation is *Abraham Lincoln and the union*, written for the Chronicles of America series by Nathaniel W. Stephenson (New Haven, 1918. 272 p.)¹⁸. A biographical volume on Lincoln has been prepared by H. Nelson Gay for his series entitled *Americani Illustri* designed to acquaint the Italian people with eminent Americans of the past. *Lincoln and the convention of 1860*, by Addison A. Proctor (Chicago, 1918. 29 p.), is an address delivered before the Chicago historical society by one of the Kansas delegates to the Chicago convention.

The States publishing society is preparing a work on *Illinois in the world war*; this venture is not to be confused with the official undertaking of the state of Illinois in the same field.

The second volume of *A history of Indiana*, by Logan Esarey (Bloomington, Ind., 1919. 1148 p.)¹⁹, completes the excellent study which, beginning with the earliest discovery and exploration by the French, is carried down to the mobilization in 1917 for the war against Germany. The Indiana historical commission has issued a volume entitled *The centennial medal book* containing chapters on certain phases of Indiana history. The commission has in press a volume entitled *The Indiana centennial, 1916*, by Walter C. Woodward, formerly director of the commission; it

¹¹ These two volumes are reviewed in this number.

¹² Reviewed *ante*, 5: 482.

¹³ Reviewed *ante*, 5: 483.

¹⁴ Reviewed *ante*, 5: 369.

¹⁵ Reviewed *ante*, 5: 348.

¹⁶ To be reviewed later.

¹⁷ To be reviewed later.

¹⁸ To be reviewed later.

¹⁹ Reviewed in this number.

is also planning to bring out a volume entitled *Indiana's gold star honor roll*. The Indiana historical society has brought out in volume VI of its *Publications* a study of "Early Indiana trails and surveys," prepared by George R. Wilson, who uses his technical knowledge as a surveyor in a synthesis that involves the use of the available sources on the subject. *Military life at Indiana university* is the title of a twenty-three page pamphlet by Ralph L. Rusk, published by the University of Indiana, which makes an historical survey of the subject in question. A *Special report concerning common school funds*, by Gilbert H. Hendren (Indianapolis, 1919. 89 p.), contains an historical account of the school funds of Indiana by George Pence, one of the state fund examiners. Other Indiana items are: *The making of a township, being an account of the early settlement and subsequent development of Fairmount township, Grant county, Indiana, 1829 to 1917*, edited by E. M. Baldwin (Fairmount, 1918. 503 p.); *Government in Indiana*, by C. V. Haworth, a supplement to *Advanced civics*, by S. E. Forman; *Proceedings of the thirty-ninth annual session of the department of Indiana Grand Army of the Republic*, held at Logansport, Indiana, June 5, 6, 7, 1918; *A brief history of Mooresville and vicinity*, by Almira H. Hadley (Mooresville, 1918. 24 p.); and *The life of John Worth Kern*, the Indiana democratic leader, by Claude G. Bowers (Indianapolis, 1918. xvi, 475 p.).

A monograph entitled *The Indians in Ohio*, by H. C. Shetrone, has appeared in a number of the *Ohio archaeological and historical quarterly*. A *History of northwest Ohio*, by Nevin O. Winter (Toledo, 1918. 660 p.), and a *History of Cleveland and its environs*, by Elroy M. Avery (3 vols., Chicago, 1919), are significant additions in the field of Ohio history.

The domain of Wisconsin history has been enlarged by the addition of a monograph on *Old Fort Snelling, 1819-1858*, by Marcus L. Hansen (Iowa City, 1918); *Elling Eielsen og den Evangelisk-luthereske Kirche i Amerika*, the story of the work of the first preacher among the Norwegian immigrants in the west, by E. O. Mörstad; and a *History of Door county, Wisconsin, the county beautiful*, by Hjalmar R. Holand (2 vols., Chicago, 1917. 459, 480 p.). *Democratic ideals, sketch of Clara Bewick Colby*, by Olympia Brown (n. p., 1917), is a small volume

devoted to the career of a Wisconsin woman prominently identified with the cause of woman suffrage in America by a veteran co-worker in the same movement. A pamphlet has been issued describing Wisconsin's participation, through a commission of three appointed by the governor of the state, in the exposition held in Chicago in the summer of 1915 to commemorate the semi-centennial of the emancipation of the negro.

The historical geography of Detroit, by Alman Ernest Parkins, has been published by the Michigan historical commission as volume III of the University series (Lansing, 1918); it constitutes a satisfactory history of Detroit with emphasis on the economic phase of its development. Volume IV of the series is a study of *Political parties in Michigan, 1835-1860: an historical study of political issues and political parties from the admission of the state to the civil war*, by Floyd B. Streeter (Lansing, 1918. xxxiii, 401 p.).²⁰ The commission has in press volume V of the University series, *The Michigan fur trade*, by Ida Amanda Johnson, and *The life and times of Stevens Thompson Mason, Michigan's boy governor*, by Lawton T. Hemans. The two volumes of *Historic Mackinac, giving account of the historical, picturesque and legendary features of Mackinac county*, by Edwin O. Wood (2 vols., New York, 1918. 697, 773 p.),²¹ appeared shortly before the death of the author in December, 1918. A booklet of eighty-six pages entitled "Old settlers of the Grand Traverse region" (Traverse City, 1918) has been compiled by S. E. Wait and W. S. Anderson.

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²⁰ Reviewed in this number.

²¹ Reviewed *ante*, 5: 364.

²² Reviewed *ante*, 5: 351.

is a detailed index of the largest manuscript collection in this country including important materials on the history of the old northwest. The Virginia state library has issued part two of its *Bibliography of Virginia* containing the titles of the printed official documents of the commonwealth, 1776-1916 (Richmond, 1918. 1404 p.). *A contribution to the bibliography of agriculture in Virginia* (Richmond, 1918) provides a list of source and secondary material bearing on the history of agriculture in Virginia. "A report on the archives of the department of state, state capitol, Lansing" is printed in the *Michigan magazine of history* for July, 1918. "A report on the public archives" of Wisconsin by Theodore C. Blegen has been issued in *Bulletin of information* number 94 of the State historical society of Wisconsin (Madison, 1918. 115 p.); *A supplementary catalog of newspaper files in the Wisconsin historical library: listing the papers acquired during the years 1911-1917*, by L. J. Beecroft and Marguerite Jenison (Madison, 1918. 91 p.), contributes significantly to the annual bibliographical output. The Indiana historical commission has completed a carefully-prepared index of the *Vincennes Sun*, down to 1825, covering the files while the state capital was at Vincennes and Corydon.

The *Catholic historical review* reprints the *Catholic encyclopedia* diocesan bibliography in the numbers from July, 1918, to January, 1919. The list for the province of Cincinnati is especially extensive. The April, 1919, issue begins a "Guide to the biographical sources of the American hierarchy." The *Illinois Catholic historical review* for April, 1919, publishes a selected list of sources for Catholic history in Illinois. "The historical archives of the archdiocese of St. Louis," are discussed by F. G. Holweck in the *St. Louis Catholic historical review*.

Mention might well be made in such an article as this of the increasing output of historical articles prepared by students of local history for the daily newspapers; these are usually listed, however, in the state historical periodicals. Of somewhat greater significance than the usual run of such papers was the "Centennial history of Illinois," by Rollin L. Hartt, which appeared serially in the *Chicago Tribune* in November and December, 1918. Such historical writing does serve to bridge the gap between the specialist and the layman.

It is to be hoped that the experience of the nation in the great war, as reflected in historical activities in the old northwest, will have served the purpose of giving history a greater place in the reconstruction order.

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